

September 18, 2001

Peter Healy
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Dear Peter,

Enclosed is a copy of the Joint Petition and Statement in Support for approval of the Interconnection Agreement between TDS Metrocom, Inc. and Ameritech Illinois for signature. Our Commission also requires Notarized Verification from both parties. A copy of our verification is attached. Prepare one on behalf of TDS Metrocom, Inc.

Please return signed Joint Petition and your notarized Verification to me via overnight mail.

My mailing address is:

Mary C. Velez
Ameritech
225 West Randolph, Room 27C
Chicago, IL 60606

Any questions, please feel free to call me on 312 551-9150.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

September 25, 2001

Ms. Donna Caton - Chief Clerk
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9280

Dear Ms. Caton,

Enclosed please find the Joint Petition for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement between Ameritech Illinois and TDS Metrocom, Inc. The attached agreement was in arbitration under Docket 01-0338, and due to be filed 9/14/01, however due to the recent events and interruption of the mail delivery service we couldn't coordinate original signatures until today.

Please acknowledge receipt by returning the extra copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)	
(Ameritech Illinois) and)	
TDS Metrocom, Inc.)	
)	<u>01 -0338</u>
Approval of the Arbitrated)	
Interconnection Agreement dated March 12, 2001)	
pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e))	

**Joint Petition for Approval of the
Arbitrated Interconnection Agreement between
TDS Communications Corporation and Ameritech Illinois**

Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“Ameritech Illinois”) and TDS Metrocom, Inc. (“TDS”), through counsel, hereby request that the Commission review and approve the attached Interconnection Agreement dated , pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e), (the “Act”). In support of their request, the parties state as follows:

1. This Agreement is not discriminatory. Ameritech Illinois will make this available to any other telecommunications carrier operating within Ameritech Illinois’ service territory. Other telecommunications carriers can negotiate their own arrangements pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. This Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

2. Copies of the Agreement are available for public inspection in Ameritech Illinois and TDS’ public offices.

WHEREFORE, Ameritech Illinois and TDS respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached Interconnection Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of September, 2001

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

TDS Metrocom, Inc.)	
and)	
Illinois Bell Telephone Company)	
(Ameritech Illinois))	
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Joint Petition for Review of an Arbitrated)	
Interconnection Agreement)	

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT

I, Eric Larsen, am Director – Negotiations Support for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company/Illinois Bell Telephone Company, and submit this Statement in support of Approval of negotiated portions of the Interconnection Agreement between TDS Metrocom, Inc. ('TDS') and Illinois Bell Telephone Company ('Ameritech Illinois').

This Agreement was reached partially through negotiations between the parties and partially through Arbitration before this Commission, pursuant to Section 252 of the Act, resulting in an Arbitration Decision in Docket 01-0338 on August 8, 2001.

The Agreement establishes the financial and operational terms for: the physical interconnection between Ameritech Illinois' and TDS' networks based on mutual and reciprocal compensation; unbundled access to Ameritech Illinois' network elements, including Ameritech Illinois' operations support system functions; physical collocation; number portability; resale; and a variety of other business relationships. The Agreement expires on May 1, 2003. Upon expiration of the initial term, the Agreement shall automatically be renewed for additional one (1) year periods ("renewal term") unless a Party delivers to the other Party written notice of termination of the Agreement at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of the initial term or a renewal term.

The negotiated portions of the Agreement are not discriminatory. Ameritech Illinois will make the negotiated portions of this Agreement available to any other telecommunications carrier operating within Ameritech Illinois' service territory. Other telecommunications carriers can negotiate their own arrangements pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act.

The negotiated portions of the Agreement are consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. These portions of the agreement are the result of good faith negotiations between the parties. The negotiated portions of the Agreement enable TDS to provide a competitive alternative in Ameritech Illinois' service territory.

The negotiated portions of the Agreement meet all the requirements of the Act and should be approved by the Commission

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

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COUNTY OF COOK)

VERIFICATION

Eric Larsen, being first duly sworn, states on oath that he is Director –
Negotiations Support for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company/Illinois Bell, and that
the facts stated in the foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of Interconnection Agreement
between Ameritech Illinois and TDS Metrocom, Inc. are true and correct to the best of
his knowledge, information and belief.

Eric Larsen

Subscribed and sworn

to before me this

_____ day of _____

Notary Public